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## Court Order to Exhume Sam Sheppard's Body

Judge Ronald Suster  
*Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas*

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

ALAN J. DAVIS, Special Administrator )  
of the Estate of SAMUEL H. )  
SHEPPARD )

Plaintiff )

-vs- )

STATE OF OHIO )

Defendant )

CASE NO. 96-312322-CV

JUDGE RONALD SUSTER

ORDER

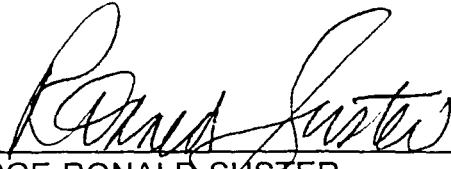
*on motion of the Plaintiff, and without objection from the Defendant*

~~By agreement of the parties,~~ the Court hereby appoints the Cuyahoga County Coroner, Dr. Elizabeth Balraj, as a friend of the Court, to conduct an exhumation of the body of Dr. Samuel Holmes Sheppard and to do whatever is necessary to aid in the collection of forensic evidence for further DNA testing. The Coroner is further authorized to remove the body to its offices in Cuyahoga County from Franklin County where Dr. Sheppard is buried for the purpose of evidence collection, and then return said body for proper reburial as soon as reasonably possible.

The Court further authorizes members of the Sheppard family, attorney for the Sheppard Estate, Executor Alan Davis, representatives from the Prosecutor's Office, Bay Village Police, and authorized forensic scientists, including Dr. Mohammad Tahir, to witness the exhumation, as well as the collection of evidence.

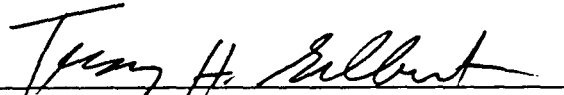
Costs for the exhumation are to be paid by the Cuyahoga County Coroner.

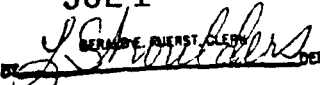
IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
JUDGE RONALD SUSTER

APPROVED:

  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR  
Attorney for Defendant

  
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